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Annual Meeting June 4th

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An American Dream Come True

A few months ago, Karla Shafer, Director of the Hooper Public Library, received a call from Dale Lipschultz, Literacy Officer, ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services (OLOS.) Karla Shafer also heard from Ms. Lipschultz two years ago when she applied to the American Library Association for a grant and received a call she had won her library \$5,000 for the **American Dream Starts @ your library** project offered with funds from The Dollar General Foundation.

This phone call, however, was a complete surprise to the Hooper Library Director. This time she had not applied for a grant with the American Library Association, so she couldn't imagine why Ms. Lipschultz was calling. She soon found the reason for the call.

Dale Lipschultz told Ms. Shafer the Literacy Office of the ALA in Chicago, IL now considers Karla their poster child. At Ms. Shafer's surprise and questions, Ms. Lipschultz explained. A few months ago, Ms. Lipschultz was trying to persuade officials of the Dollar General Foundation to fund a second round of funds for an enhancement and continuance of the original "American Dream Starts @ your library" project. In the recent phone conversation, Ms. Lipschultz told Karla negotiations at that meeting were tenuous until Ms. Lipschultz showed the Dollar General foundation representatives the Power Point final report submitted by Ms. Shafer at the end of the 2008 regarding the first grant's use at the Hooper Public Library. Ms.

Lipschultz said when the lights came up at the end of the Power Point, one of the Dollar General Foundation representatives turned to Ms. Lipschultz and said, "How much money do you want?" They subsequently decided to give \$750,000.00 to 21 states in the second literacy project.

Ms. Lipschultz went on to say she is totally convinced it was due to Karla Shafer's presentation of the first project even though Hooper's library was the smallest library to be awarded the 2008 grant. She said because of what Karla Shafer did for the nation, she is being awarded \$5,000.00 automatically along with only four other first round libraries of Georgia, Colorado and Arizona to again better equip those in her community who need to learn to speak

English and adapt to a new culture.

Ms. Lipschultz went on to add the American Library Association Literacy Office believes "Karla is the best spokesperson ... a natural," and wants Ms. Shafer to represent the "American Dream Starts @ your library" at the ALA National Conference the last of June in Washington, D.C., expenses paid. She will speak one day, be a part of a panel of American Dream representa-

tives another day, and be introduced to staff when they take her as an honored guest to the D.C. Literacy Office a third day.

Ms. Shafer has humbly accepted and will be glad to share her passion for books, reading and literacy.

As an author, Karla is currently publishing her next book, **Library Lady**, a moving and at times humorous telling of her experiences in twelve years of library work.



For Trustees

by Kathleen Tooker

ROI—RESPONSIBILITY, ORGANIZATION AND INVOLVEMENT were the words spoken by Jim Connor to open the Trustees Training and Board development workshop held at the Wahoo Public Library last month. He then added that being a library trustee is not about you, it is about the community and your involvement in it. Connor has worked with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and served as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Library in Colorado. In 2005 he received the American Library Association Trustee Award for his activities and training for library for library boards. Fortunately for us, Jim semi-retired to Hastings, NE.

Points he made for trustees were:

- New trustees should meet with the library board chair and the library director and read the board member's job description.
- Review the library's strategic plan and ask, ask, ask.
- Trustees must know their library's mission as it tells the purpose and value of the library. Trustees also study all library policies and procedures keeping in mind that the day-to-day management of the library is the responsibility of the library director, not the library board.
- Examine budget sources and limitations. Go as a group to present the budget to the funding agency; the board chair presents the budget.
- Be a team player, not an observer. Participate in discussion and base decisions on community standards.
- It is the library board chair's responsibility to develop the board meeting agenda. Ask for suggestions or ideas for the next board meeting on the end of every agenda,
- Know the numbers. Elected officials are always impressed with numbers, so know your numbers such as the average number of people who visit the library each day. This could be a bargaining chip as more people may visit the library than voted for an elected official.
- Advocate in the community. Ask what the library can do to make it more attractive to the community.
- Be a community leader, continue learning, attend conferences and workshops, network with peers, read library publications and invite in consultants when needed.
- Three things that indicate a dying community: apathy, school closing, library closing.

The ELS office has resources for library board members such as the *Trustee Troubles* DVD produced by the Wyoming State Library. This is an excellent resource to use for training the board can view it in segments. It is also available online at no cost at

www.wyominglibraries.org/trusteetrouble.html

The Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library was recognized for having the most representatives present of any library in attendance. ➔



from left to right, Assistant Librarian Julie Jorgensen, Executive Director of the Eastern Library System Kathy Tooker, Trustees Lindsay Ptacek and Tom Harrie, Presenter Jim Connor, Director Linda Oyster, and trustees Donna Robinson, Library Board President Linda Clark and Karen Bryant.

Upcoming Events

***May 19** - Cataloging with RDA: An Overview

May 20 - AWE Early Literacy Station Demo, Waterloo Public Library, 2 pm.

May 21 - Nebraska Library Commissioners Meeting, Lincoln

***May 26** - Tech Talk with Michael Sauers

June 4 - ELS Annual Meeting, Anderson Conference Center, Midland Lutheran College, Fremont

June 14-15 - 2010 Heartland School Library Conference at UNO

June 18 - DIRECT Meeting, Wisner Public Library, 9:30 am.

August 13 - ELS Board Meeting (TBA)

August 27 - CLICK Meeting, Blair Public Library, 9:30 am.

September 16-17 - Youth Services Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland

October 13-15 - NLA/NEMA Fall Conference, Grand Island

***NCompass Live Events** - to register go to:
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ncompass/ncompasslive.asp>

*Annual Meeting
 June 4, 2010
 Midland Lutheran College*

Take Note

The 2010 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB), will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska.

The entry fee is \$40 per book and per category entered. **Deadline for entries is June 30, 2010.** Entry forms are available from the Nebraska Library Commission website, www.nlc.state.ne.us/publications/BookAwardsEntry2010.pdf.

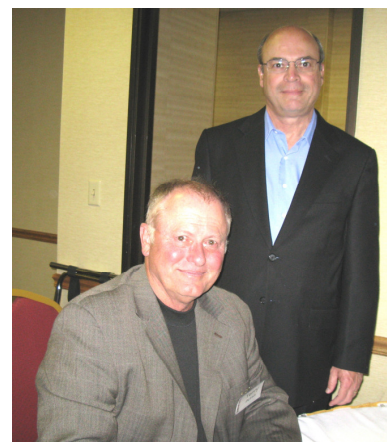
The Houchen Bindery Beginning Professional and Mentor of the Year Award nominations are now open. The nomination form can be found on the New Member Round Table (NLA) webpage:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/NMRT/awards.php>



**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
 16TH ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL**
 SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
 NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG
 LEARNING CENTER 801 East Benjamin Avenue,
 Norfolk, NE

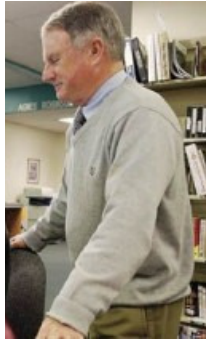
Spring Colloquium 2010, featuring Terry Pettit, was enjoyed by the 30-plus people attending. Terry, former UNL women's volleyball coach, lead an interactive presentation on leadership. His book, *Talent and the Secret Life of Teams*, was available for purchase.



Terry Pettit and Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission director

System News

Tom Boyle, director of the Midland Lutheran College Library, will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 35 years. Many things have changed over his tenure. "Students expectations are quite a bit different than in the past. They move at a faster pace."



Award Winner

Marilyn Kirkwood (Frankie) is the director of the Valley Public Library. She recently received the Shirley Waskel Award for the Advancement of Women. This award is given by the UNO's Lifelong Learning Initiative. Frankie was honored at the "Celebrate: Women of Wisdom and Lifelong Learning" award luncheon on April 15th.

Frankie was recognized for her work and dedication in volunteerism throughout the community. After 30 years of being a homemaker, she was hired at Immanuel Hospital as assistant coordinator of volunteer services. At 71 she fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a librarian and began taking college classes, proof that learning continues at any age. With the position of head librarian she has made the Valley Library a gathering place, welcoming patrons from all walks of life.



The Mayor of Valley, Mary Caffrey, proclaimed April 15, 2010, "Frankie Kirkwood Day" and encouraged all residents to celebrate the contributions to the community made by the Kirkwood family and follow Frankie's example as a lifelong learner and inspiration for generations to come.



Another Award Winner

Alice Boeckman, children's services librarian at the Bellevue Public Library, was honored at the Metropolitan Reading Council's Educators' Leadership Night, held on April 22nd. She received the Friend of Reading Award, having been nominated by Lisa Bethel-Didamo who is the reading specialist at Wake Robin Elementary

in Bellevue. The purpose of the Friends of Reading Award is to recognize an individual or group who advances reading and promotes literacy in our schools and community. Candidates who have shown exemplary accomplishments in any of the following areas may be submitted for consideration for this award.

- Organizing local literacy programs.
- Promoting support from the public, relative to enhancing literacy.
- Providing young people the opportunities to help in literacy activities.
- Conducting informational educational activities of social, cultural, economic or political nature in which literacy activities are included.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Rick Kolowski, chairman of the Learning Community. Alice says, "I had a wonderful evening and it was an honor to be recognized for the programs our library provides."

School Librarians Published

Laura Pietsch, Bellevue East High School and Kim Gangwish, Bellevue West High School, collaborated on an article featured in the April, 2010, issue of *School Library Monthly*. They said that the article, "A Journey to Reorganize the Fiction Collection," was a great writing experience and a culminating activity to a year-long project. "Of course, the reorganization is never really done."

Snyder

To introduce the Snyder Public Library's Summer Reading Program they held a tea party for the girls/ladies (flavored tea, mini sandwiches, cream puffs) and a root beer party for the boys/guys (root beer floats, pigs in a blanket and brownies.)

Neihardt State Historic Site, Bancroft

On May 16th Dean Jacobs, photo journalist and world traveler, gave a presentation of his travels and photos of his stay in east Africa. He has written a book, *Marvelous Journey*, which is an account of his round-the-world trips. Hi adventures can be followed on his website—

www.travel4life.org

Oakland's Friends

The Oakland Public Library has a newly formed Friends group. Advocates of the Library, or AOL for short was chosen as the group's new name.

Keene Memorial Library

Keene in Fremont is undergoing some major renovation. Even though the main library is closed until June, they are still providing children's programming and internet ac-

Announcements

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. We all know and work along-side public librarians who significantly contribute, both locally and statewide, to public libraries and the library profession. Please help highlight these efforts by nominating a current member of the public Library and Trustee Section for this recognitions. Recipient criteria for the Excalibur Award include:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area of in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The deadline for applications is Monday, August 2. The winner will be recognized at the NLA/NEMA 2010 Conference in Grand Island in October. For the application and more details go to:

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/excalibur.html>

Pulitzer Prize Winners in Letters, Drama and Music

- Fiction—*Tinkers* by Paul Harding (Bellevue Literary Press)
- Drama—*Next to Normal*, music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey
- History—*Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World* by Liaquat Ahamed (The Penguin Press)
- Biography—*The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* by T. J. Stiles (Alfred A. Knopf)
- Poetry—*Versed* by Rae Armantrout (Wesleyan University Press)



ONE BOOK for Nebraska Teens

The 2010-2011 selection for One Book for Nebraska Teens is aimed at high school age. ***Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman**, tells of a future America where parents can choose to have their children between the ages of 13 – 18, “unwound” (their body parts are harvested and given to others). Connor, 16, is shocked when his parents tell him they decided to have him unwound. He runs away and strives to survive, encountering others like himself.

The Nebraska Library Commission and each Library System office has a book bag containing fourteen paperback copies available on a first come first served basis.

(Eastern Library System has had *Unwind* as part of their book bag collection for some time and have additional copies.) To borrow the book bags, contact Nebraska Library Commission Information and Reference Services, 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665, e-mail, or the Regional Library System offices. For more information contact Sally Snyder, the Nebraska Library Commission's Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665.

Background information, activities and puzzles relating to *Unwind* can be found at:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html>

Golden Sower Winners

2009-2010 WINNERS and HONOR BOOKS

Selected by a record-breaking 70,009 readers across the great state of Nebraska!

Primary Winner

The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School by Judy Sierra; illustrated by Stephen Gammell

Primary Honor Books

Woolbur by Leslie Helakoski; illustrated by Lee Harper
Dogku by Andrew Clements; illustrated by Tim Bowers

Intermediate Winner

Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Intermediate Honor Books

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart; illustrated by Carson Ellis
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Young Adult Winner

Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

Young Adult Honor Books

The Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin

Resources For Youth Services Librarians & Media Specialists

Gotta Keep Reading Video

If you haven't already watched the YouTube video *Gotta Keep Reading*, take time to do so now. With the help of Full Sail University, the entire student body of the Ocoee (Florida) Middle School tweaked a Black Eyed Peas song, "I Gotta Feeling" to promote their love of reading. The students singing, "**I Gotta Keep Reading**" also choreographed a dance to go with the song. Oprah Winfrey was so impressed that she and Target are going to give the school library a complete facelift, with 2000 new books and new computers.



Kids! @ your library® tool kit- Publicity, programming & promotion — Just go to www.ala.org and search under "Kids @ your library toolkit" and you will find:

- [Tween-friendly programs!](#)
- [A Dozen Ways to Use Campaign Materials to Spruce up a Summer Reading Program](#)
- [A Bibliography of Books about Kids and Libraries](#)
- [A List of Songs for Kids about Reading and Libraries](#)
- [Top Ten Things for Kids to Do @ your library®](#)
- [Las 10 cosas principales que pueden hacer los niños @ your library®](#)
- [Spread the Word: There's So Much to See, So Much to Do @ your library®](#)
- [Sign 'em Up!](#)
- [Arrange an Author Visit](#)
- [Host a Celebrity Read-a-Thon](#)
- [Reach Out to Kids & Families](#)
- [Ten Places to Reach Parents](#)

Teen Book Displays

Five Tips for Every Display

1. Place displays in visible, high traffic areas.
2. Use visuals wisely, don't clutter.
3. Keep your display stocked, without overwhelming browsers.
4. Use multi-level displays.
5. Remember non-fiction.

Five displays in five minutes

1. This just in: recently returned books.
2. Look Again! New Book you might just have missed.
3. Teen favorites: You decide.
4. Pick a color, any color such as green for spring.
5. Popular picks.

Five ways to sell your displays through customer interaction (incorporate displays into conversations)

1. Seize opportunities to plug the displays.
2. Create traveling displays.
3. Have teen decorate displays.
4. Ask for feedback.
5. Remember your adult readers.

[Ideas from Adrienne L. Strock, *Unabashed* Contributing Editor and Teen Service manger at the Maricopa County Library district (AZ).

[Seen in *Unabashed Librarian*, Number 154]

The next CLICK Meeting will be August 27th at the Blair Public Library. We will be reviewing Summer Reading Programs - what went really well and what we will never try again.

Please contact Amy Larsen if you can come -alarsen@ci.blair.ne.us

Youth Services Retreat is September 16-17 at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland - Don't Miss It!

Story Time Program Hints

The last CLICK meeting's agenda included sharing a story-time idea and/or craft. The conversation also included some problem solving. Following are some great suggestions, in no particular order.

- Story times can be less than 30 or more than 45 minutes or something in between but there are always those who come in late. Whatever you are doing when they walk in—continue as if there were no interruptions. Don't try and review what you have done already for a late comer.
- It's important to be able to say each child's name and nametags do help. Use a name badge holder (you can find several styles on the Oriental Trading Company website <http://www.orientaltrading.com>) You can insert their names in the holder and reuse them instead of making nametags for those who may only show up once.
- Carpet squares are a great way of keeping little ones in their "place." Make passing them out and collecting them a part of your story time routine. Walmart, carries some cute carpet squares. "The Calendar Carpet Squares Kit" includes numbers 1-31 for the days of the month and four special squares. Go to <http://www.walmart.com> search for item # CFK1060.



Busy making something



L-r, Deb Kois,
Amy Larsen,
Vera Kuhr,
Cathy
McMahon,
Jody Linhart
Toni Reese



The Book Bag Program is on the move this summer



ELS is loaning over a dozen book bags to the "College Bound Club." College Bound Club (CBC) and College Access Program (CAP) is a team of students devoted to attending college. Students receive academic support during the school year and in the summer participate in College Bound University classes including "Beyond Dr. Seuss" where the students will read books and participate in activities and discussions to explore the characters, setting and plot of the books. CBC and CAP work with students whose parents have not graduated from college and for whom family finances might prevent the student from attending college to achieve their dream of a college education.

CBC is an Upward Bound TRIO program funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and has a program in Papillion La Vista High School, Papillion La Vista South High School and Thomas Jefferson High School. CAP is funded through a grant from the Iowa West Foundation and has programs in Thomas Jefferson high School and Abraham Lincoln High School. Both grants are administered through AIM Institute. The AIM Institute is a not-for-profit membership organization that provides information technology leadership to Nebraska and the surrounding region.

Angela Higgs is the College Bound Club coordinator and is very appreciative of the opportunity to borrow books from ELS. We are equally appreciative of the privilege of sharing the book bags and having the books read over the summer.

AccuCut is running some great specials right now. If you purchase \$250 or more you can save \$50 by using the offer code EFJ40 and it includes free shipping. Go to www.accucut.com for more information.



REMEMBER: The Eastern Library System has lots of AccuCut and Ellison dies for you to borrow (they all work on an AccuCut cutting machine.) A list of dies can be found on the ELS website www.elsne.org

Worth Checking Out

Professional Collection Additions

DVD—College of Dupage Teleconferences Library
Futures: Staying Ahead of the Game.

- *Cataloging: Where We are Now? Where are We Going?*
- *Information Literacy Educations: A National Overview*
- *What is the Future of the Information Age and the Role of Public Libraries?* William Crossman's and Rivkah Sass' presentation at the 2010 Winter Conference of the League of Municipalities.

Disaster Recovery

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ACLTS), a division of ALA, has a list of bulletins, leaflets, and other information on disaster recovery for library collections. Access this good information at www.ala.org/mgrps/divs/accls/confevents/preswk/tools/disaster.cfm or do it the easy way and go to www.ala.org and search for disaster recovery.

Did You Know?

- Everyday 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help at their public library.
- 2.8 million times every month business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses.
- 5400 U.S public libraries offer free technology classes.
- Every day 14,7000 people attend free library computer classes.
- Two-thirds of Americans have a library card.
- 12,000 U.S. public libraries offer free Wi-Fi. That's more than Starbucks or Barnes & Noble and Borders.
- 1.4 billion people visit public libraries each year. That is six times more often than we

attend sporting events.

- 10,800 public libraries offer free meeting room space. More public libraries offer free meeting rooms than there are conference centers, convention facilities and auditoriums combined.

[This is from a new report, **How Libraries Stack Up: 2010** from OCLC, that examines the economic, social and cultural impact of libraries in the U.S. The information may be useful to librarians as they develop budget proposals and discuss the value of library services in the context of their community needs. Download the report at www.oclc.org/reports/stackup]

Technology Tips

Q When I am searching the Internet, I often come across a site that wants me to register. I really do not want to register for the site because I know I will just be getting a ton of unwanted email. Is there a way to get around registration process?

A You can go to a site called BugMeNot at www.bugmenot.com. enter the URL for the site you want to go to and it will provide you with a password and login that you can use to enter.

Q I am installing my old software on a new computer, and need to get the Microsoft license numbers of my old computer. How can I do this?

A Go to magicaljellybean.com/keyfinder and download the program Magical Jelly Bean's Keyfinder. Run this program on you old computer and it will find all the old Microsoft registration numbers for you software. [See in *Smart Computing*, "Ask Mr. Technology, May/June 2010"]

When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully; the church,, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you.
~Keith Richards, Rolling Stones guitarist.





SPACE JUNK

Museums and libraries are invited to apply for free NASA space shuttle artifacts, including small items such as astronaut helmets, gloves, and boots, and large items such as shuttle Motion Based Simulators and Crew Compartment Trainers. NASA will retire the Space Shuttle Program at the end of 2010 and is eager for the public to learn about the wonders of space exploration through museum and library exhibitions. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is helping NASA reach out to eligible institutions, including museums attended by the public and free libraries serving all residents of a community, district, state, or region.

Museums and libraries must first be determined as eligible through the [State Agency for Surplus Property](http://gsaccess.gov/NASAWel.htm) in their state. Artifacts, which will be released as they are no longer needed by the Space Shuttle Program, may be viewed by eligible institutions that have been given a log-on and password at the Web site <http://gsaccess.gov/NASAWel.htm>.

The artifacts are free, but eligible recipients must cover shipping and special handling fees. Shipping fees on smaller items will be relatively inexpensive, while larger items may involve extensive disassembly, preparation, shipping, and reassembly costs. NASA will work closely with potential recipients, on a case by case basis, to address any unique special handling costs.

For the latest information about NASA shuttle transition and artifacts, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/transition>.



Dewey Decimal Classification Online has been scheduled in three 1.5 hour sessions June 8, 15 and 22 from 9:30am -11:00 am CT. When you register for the first session, you are automatically register for Sessions 2 and 3. There is no charge to attend these sessions. To register to to:

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/scripts/training/eventshow.asp?ProgID=9647> Seating is limited, so don't wait to register.

Description: Does this book on houseplants go in gardening (635.9), botany (581.6), or interior decorating (747)? If you have a nodding acquaintance with Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative



Index but would like to feel more comfortable using this important tool, join us for a series of three one-and-a-half-hour online sessions.

Sessions will include discussion on assigning classification numbers when a topic might fall under more than one discipline, choosing the right number based on Notes and Manual entries, building numbers using the tables, and a look at OCLC's Abridged WebDewey.

This workshop is approved for the NLC Cataloging Certificate Program.

Prerequisite: Basic Skills Organization of Library Materials or some library experience.

Instructor: Emily Nimsakont, NLC Cataloging Librarian

NEMA Board Election Results

President-Elect: Karen Buckley
Secretary (2010-2012): Sara Churchill
Board Members-at-Large (2010-2012): Sherry Crow and Kathy Terrell

Writers Awards

Young Nebraska writers received Letters about Literature award certificates from **Gov. Dave Heineman** on April 7, 2010, at a proclamation-signing ceremony celebrating National Library Week, April 11-17, 2010. Letters about Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program. This annual contest is sponsored nationally by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. Target sponsors Letters About Literature as part of its national reading initiative, "Ready. Sit. Read!," which is aimed at fostering a love of reading among children at an early age. The Nebraska competition is coordinated and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and Houchen Bindery Ltd. Young Nebraska writers to be honored are:

Winners:

Haylie R. Roberts, Pender, for *Homeless Bird*, by Gloria Whelan

Victoria Kolala, Omaha, for *Think Big*, by Ben Carson

Arash Hamidi, Omaha, for *Torn Between Two Cultures*, by Maryam Qudrat Aseel

Alternate Winners:

Mia Thomas, Bellevue, for *Devil's Arithmetic*, by Jane Yolen

Megan Brookhouser, Omaha, for *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak

Shawn Gasseling, Alliance, for *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khaled Hosseini

Eastern Library System Board Meeting

April 9, 2010 – Lyons Public Library

Present: John Seyfarth, Mary Jo Mack, Joyce Neujahr, David Privett, Dorothy Willis, Jan Therien, Robin Bernstein, Scott Berryman, Lowen Kruse, Gail Formanack, Kathy Tooker, Nancy Meyer. Absent: Gayle Roberts, Marie Reidelbach, Rosa Schmidt.

The minutes of the February 12, 2010, meeting were reviewed. Lowen moved and Robin seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The February and March 2010, treasurer's reports were reviewed. There was a question on the honorariums paid out in March. It was explained that they were for the speakers at the School Media Training Day. The reports were approved to be filed for audit.

Correspondence: A thank you note from YART was read for the book marks donated by Eastern Library System for a door prize at their Spring Meeting in Blair.

Administrator's Report: See written report. Kathy and Nancy attended a "Branding Workshop" in Platts-mouth. The calendar committee is continuing to plan. The School Media Day was a success with help from Becky Pasco and Cathy McMahon. Kathy is helping with the Heartland School Conference in June with nationally known speakers. Robin Clark has suggested looking for local "library champions" in conjunction with Legislative Day. Keene Memorial Library in Fremont is looking at a possible change from a governing board to an advisory one. Upcoming Events include: Trustee Training, Spring Colloquium and the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating – Robin indicated that the ballot is ready and will be approved under new business.
- Fundraising – Kathy reported on the amount of money taken in as fundraisers since July 1, 2009.
- Technology – No Report.
- Continuing Education – Joyce read a written report on past events and upcoming events.
- Advocacy – No Report.

New Business:

A. The ballot was reviewed. Gail moved and Mary Jo seconded to approve the ballot. Motion carried.

B. Kathy reported on the possible budget cuts and/or elimination of agencies in the coming year(s). Kathy suggested that procedures to deal with possible cuts to the Regional Library System need to be discussed. The board agreed that unity by all the systems is important in dealing with any changes. The Nebraska Library Commissioner's meeting will be held on May 21st. Several board members indicated interest in attending. Kathy reviewed the March budget to indicate what possible carryover of funds there will be.

Announcements: Ann Stephens, director of Keene Memorial Library, Fremont will be honored at a retirement gathering from 3-5 pm today. Laura England is the acting director at Keene and the library's book sale is also today. The Bellevue University library now has a Facebook friend's page and plan to show the movie "The Hollywood Librarian." The University of Nebraska Medical Center is hosting a session on copyright during National Library Week. The Wahoo Public School will be hosting distance learning for K-12 in all subjects. Beginning next year the ESU in Saunders County will be purchasing databases which will save the Wahoo schools money.

Robin moved and Mary Jo seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Meyer, Administrative Assistant

Interested in hosting a board meeting? We have some open dates for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. All we need is a place to meet for about 15 people and some refreshments. All meetings are on a Friday from 9:30-11:30 am.

Open Dates:

- **August 13, 2010**
- **February 11, 2011**
- **April 8, 2011**



Mad Hatter Award 2010

Presented by Child's World and the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA

PURPOSE To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children's and Young People's librarianship and library development.

CRITERIA Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

1. Imaginative interpretation of library services
2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
3. Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations

*Nominee **MUST** be a member of the School, Children's and Young People's Section of NLA.

I nominate _____

(Name)

(Present address)

Nominee's library affiliation _____

Please attach sheets describing the achievements of your nominee. **All three criteria listed above must be addressed in your nomination.** You should include documentation in the form of several support letters from staff, parents, board members or others, each letter identifying the writer as to what role they play in libraries and their relationship to the nominee. It is highly recommended that photos of the person working with patrons be submitted as well as samples of programs, creativity, etc. that this person has done. Any documentation or detail that you can send supporting your nominee's qualifications and that assist the Mad Hatter Committee in making a judgment will be very helpful. Make sure all professional leadership is noted, especially SCYP membership. Using letter or essay format, follow these three headings:

1. Interpreting library services to the community
2. Developing innovative programming
3. Demonstrating professional leadership

Nominated by _____

Relationship to nominee _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Check one: I am a _____ Member of NLA _____ School Administrator
_____ Public Library Administrator

Please return the nomination form and supporting materials by **August 1, 2010**, to

**Mary Reiman, Library Media Services, Lincoln Public Schools,
5901 O Street Lincoln, NE 68510 (mreiman@lps.org)**

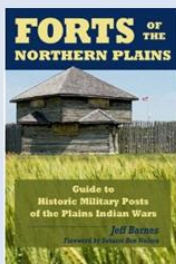


Libraries: A Nebraska Treasure

June 4, 2010

Midland Lutheran College

The Anderson Complex (park on west side)
900 North Clarkson, Fremont



8:30–9:00—Registration and Refreshments

9:00–9:05—Welcome

9:05–10:30—*Forts of Nebraska*, Jeff Barnes

(Nebraska Humanities Council Program. The Nebraska Humanities Council provides major funding for this program and receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations)



10:30–11:00 Break & Book Signing

11:00–12:00—Nebraska Adventures, Jean Lukesh (Award-Winning Author of *The Nebraska Adventure*,

12:00–12:45—Lunch

12:45–1:00—Door Prizes

1:00–2:30—Talk Tables →

2:30–3:00—ELS Business Meeting

Eastern Library System Annual Meeting



Jeff Barnes, a freelance writer and fifth-generation Nebraskan, is a former newspaper reporter and editor, past chairman of the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission, former marketing director for the Durham Western Heritage Museum, and

current board member of the Douglas County Historical Society. He traveled more than 13,000 miles in researching and photographing **Forts of the Northern Plains**, his first book. His presentation features the history of twelve military posts in the state including many interesting tales told through rarely seen historical images and maps.

- Advocacy and Local Politics
- Trustee Tips and Troubles
- Library Services for Teens
- Library Services for Children
- Technology—Social Networking for Libraries
- The Hows and Whys of Excellent Customer Services
- Special and Academic Library Issues
- Nebraska Library Commission and Eastern Library System—Programs and Services

Talk Tables

How much talking can you do in 90 minutes?

Name: _____

Library: _____

Phone: (____) -____-____

Email: _____

6 hours of CE credit

Cost: \$20—Make checks to
ELS and mail to:
Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

Please register by May 28th